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1912 53rd St.,
Des Moines 10, Iowa.
November 1, 1955.

Dear Cousins:

My attempt to trace back and establish the history of the Carnahan family has not been very successful. About all I have to go on is the memories of my grandfather, Hezekiah Lewis Carnahan (1830-1914), as recorded by my father, W. J. Carnahan (1860-1934). About 1914 these memories were made into a family history that some of you have heard read at family reunions. It is reproduced in the following notes. It is not very definite as Hezekiah L., or H.L., as he preferred being known, was eighteen years of age at the death of his father Thomas Carnahan (1783-1849).

For genealogical purposes it is of primary importance to have official or public documents mentioning the individual's name from which facts can be established. These include proceedings of a court of record, probated wills, land patents, land records, birth certificates, marriage licenses, and military records like discharges, muster and pay rolls. Of secondary importance are newspaper clippings, church records, contemporary writings like county histories, old letters, family bibles, etc.

As time goes on the secondary records are lost or thrown away by those who have no idea of their value. Many of the earlier public records have suffered the same fate through fire, improper storing, fading or the like. Only in recent times have birth or marriage records been publicly recorded in all states. Old Protestant church records are notoriously incomplete.

The oldest authentic public record at the moment in the family history is where two pay rolls of the War of 1812 show that Thomas Carnahan served in Pennsylvania Militia from Erie County for two short periods. Pennsylvania has gone through its earlier records in storage and printed many of them in the Pennsylvania Archives Series which are available in the Genealogical Section of large Public Libraries in many of the big cities.

Through these Series it is possible in many cases to trace the family and search state or county records for details. It is necessary to remember the date mentioned, as the earlier counties were quite large and were subdivided into other counties as the population increased. Town and political subdivisions change names, so these can be confusing. Old customs and legal practices of the time must be understood to get the full significance of the records.

When Wm. Penn opened up his vast holdings for settlement he granted many religious and political privileges that attracted the oppressed peoples of Western Europe. Under the Proprietaries when a man wanted land he secured a warrant from them calling upon the local surveyor to survey the amount of acreage in the locality of land acceptable to him. After seven years of clearing and improving it, if enough work had been done, he could purchase it for the agreed sum and a small yearly tax thereafter. In York County in 1754 this was 15 Pounds 10 Shillings English Money for the purchase price of one-hundred acres. When purchased he was granted an original patent for the land and it was later recorded at the county seat. The land was not laid out on section lines as in the Midwest later, but a map of the original patents resembles a jigsaw puzzle as the best lands were taken up.

Warranties of Land, and after the Revolutionary War, Surveys of Land, are recorded in Pa. Archives Series 3, as are many tax rolls and assessments of about this period.

For people who were not British subjects at the time a closer record was kept as they entered the country mostly at Philadelphia or Chester. These contain ship lists or passenger lists, lists of indentured servants, lists of those naturalized and the like. The Carnahan family evidently were subjects of the Crown and may have come in at the above two ports or through other provinces. The first mention of the family is a Warrant of Land in Lancaster County to Thomas Carnahan in 1748.

From then on the Archives indicate that the family was fairly numerous in what were then Lancaster, Westmoreland and Bedford Counties. The following given names appear several times each, John, James, Thomas, David, William, Robert, Hannah, George and Adam. The number of them makes it difficult to trace any branch without authentic documents to indicate which are in line of descent.

During an active life covering service in World Wars I and II, travel or residence in each of the forty-eight states, I have frequently come across the name or individuals bearing it. In most cases we could not establish a relationship although the given name was one of those common to our family. Strangers have inquired as to my home and have told me they have known others of the name. Some of the Pennsylvania histories of early times have mentioned prominent citizens of that name. A glance in the telephone directories of cities all over the country will show a few Carnahans.

From all I can gather our branch were small freeholders, tenant farmers, mechanics and the like. They did not have large holdings, had no wills probated; stayed out of court and out of jail; and when buried raised few stones to mark the final resting place. All of this leaves very little on which to establish a family tree at this date.

From all the leads I have tried to follow I believe that the family came originally from Ayrshire, Scotland, the Robert Burns country. They were Lowland Scotch. In 1607 when the Irish nobles were conquered and driven out of Northern Ireland, their lands were given to court favorites of the English Sovereign. To hold this land the favorites called in English and Scotch farmers on favorable terms so they would have tenants who would protect the estates by military service. Some of the family went over to County Antrim and other parts. When Pennsylvania was opened up for settlement members of the family from both places came in. Some came to Canada and they and others have been coming and going across the border from time to time as opportunity offered. Old records are still being examined and prepared for printing at Harrisburg so in time revealing data may come to light. I am passing on what I have found to you in the hopes that someone that has more time and patience than I can carry the search further.

In the meantime I would suggest that each of you write up your particular line back to the sons of Thomas Carnahan and preserve the documents that will prove your statements. They will be of great value later on.

Yours very truly,

Hugh L. Carnahan
 Hugh L. Carnahan, 0122016
 Colonel, Army of the United States, Retired

August 1914.

In answer to a call for a family history, I offer this little book. Realizing the incompleteness of family records I ask the indulgence of all for any mistakes that may be made.

Of the history of the Carnahan family very little is known and my knowledge of the early history of the family was largely gained from my father, Hezekiah Carnahan, before his memory began to fail.

I shall not go farther into the history of the family in these pages than the sons and daughters of Thomas and Elizabeth Carnahan, the remainder may very properly be added as the years go by.

Hoping that these few pages may inspire in the family a determination to do better and greater things in life, and a desire to perpetuate the family history, I am,

Yours respectfully,

W. J. Carnahan

JOHN CARNAHAN was a Scotchman by birth, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was present at the Battle of Brandywine, where the soldiers crossed that turbulent little river on the bodies of the slain; the water was stained with blood for five miles. He served under General Washington during the entire war and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

His wife, whose given name was Fanny, is thought to have been Irish, but of her nothing definite is known. He moved to Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1783 and died some time between 1800 and 1809.

He was an expert woodsman, being able to travel for days at a time with unerring certainty through the trackless forests of his day.

His children were, William, Robert, Thomas, Francis, Elizabeth and Catherine. We know nothing of the children except Thomas, who is the founder of our branch of the family.

THOMAS CARNAHAN, son of John and Fanny Carnahan, was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in 1783; moved with his parents the same year to Erie County. In 1809 he married Elizabeth Smith and a few years afterward moved to Mercer, now Lawrence County, Pennsylvania.

He was a soldier under General Harrison during the War of 1812, was taken sick at Fort Defiance, Ohio, but afterward returned to the army and was honorably discharged.

He was a man rather under the medium height, with powerful shoulders and arms and small hands and feet, was very quick and active. At the age of 65, his last harvest, he cut with a sickle and bound 30 dozen sheaves of wheat per day, working steadily the entire harvest.

In 1835 he moved to Richland County, Ohio. In the fall of 1848 he started to Erie County, Pennsylvania, on a visit. He rode with his son Hezekiah, then a boy of 17, on a load of wheat to Milan and made the rest of the journey on foot. He was taken sick while there and died March 6, 1849, and is buried somewhere in Erie County, Pennsylvania.

ELIZABETH SMITH, wife of Thomas Carnahan, was born in Ireland and came to this country when about eleven years old. In 1855 she came with Hezekiah, Wilson and Fanny to De Kalb County, Indiana. She died at the residence of her son Hezekiah, March 8, 1864 and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery at Auburn, Indiana.

In religion Thomas Carnahan and his wife belonged to that very strict sect, known locally at that time as Seceders. Their children are, Abner, William John, Baily D., Fanny, Samuel S., Elizabeth, James M., Hezekiah L., and Wilson S.

ABNER, the oldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carnahan, spent the greater portion of his life near Lockville in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania. He married Polly Rany and settled on the old Rany Homestead. No children were born to them, but they raised one foster child, Lydia Rany, who afterward married Scott Carnahan. These young people stayed with and cared for the old people as long as they lived and spent their own lifetime on the old farm. Abner Carnahan was a farmer of the better class and was also gifted with considerable mechanical skill, doing largely his own work of that nature.

WILLIAM JOHN, the second son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carnahan spent the greater portion of his life in Ashland and Richland Counties of Ohio. He married Rachel Nelson and died March 9, 1861, leaving four children, Scott, Romina, afterwards Mrs. Christ Ward, John N. and Marion O.

He was of rather short stature and like his father had very heavy shoulders and in his young manhood was very quick and active; he was a great reader and student, and held several offices of trust and profit in the township and county of his residence. His descendants -- children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, living and dead, are 30 persons.

BAILEY D., third son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carnahan, married for his first wife Eliza Nelson. To them were born six children, Emma, Miranda Ann, Eliza, Electa, Milton and Abner. He came to DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1854, where his wife died. He later married Mary Ann McNabb; no children were born to this union.

In his young manhood he was a very good tight barrel cooper. I was told that at one time with nothing but his axe, draw-shave and chime cutter he converted an oak tree into a porkbarrel.

He was of medium height, strongly built and before old age claimed him he was considered one of the champion grain cradlers of his day. It is said that one time he cut five acres of oats in half a day, with an old turkey-wing cradle.

He was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1816, and died March 8, 1889 and is buried in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana. His descendants number 68 persons.

FANNY, the fourth child of Thomas and Elizabeth Carnahan, was born in Pennsylvania, came with the family to Richland County, Ohio, in 1835. In 1855 she came to Indiana with her mother and two brothers, Hezekiah and Wilson. Here she married Wm. McNabb. One child a daughter, Mary, was born to them. Mary married John C. Bailey.

After the death of her husband, she made her home with her brother, Hezekiah, where she died February 16, 1887 and is buried in the cemetery at Leo. Her descendants number 10.

SAMUEL SMITH CARNAHAN was born in Pennsylvania, August 15, 1824; came to Ohio in 1835, where he grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Holsten. In 1854 they moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, and settled on the farm where he died March 2, 1885. At his request he was buried on the farm under an apple tree, but a year later was removed to the Evergreen Cemetery, at Auburn, Indiana, where he now rests.

In early manhood he learned the cobbler's trade, mastering it without a teacher. For a long time he made the boots and shoes for the family and for others. Many a time the writer has watched him as he plied his trade before the blazing fireplace. As age came upon him he received a stroke of paralysis, from which he never recovered and in a few years passed away, leaving seven children, Ellen, James, John, Malinda, Riley, Ada, and Perry, the oldest child, William, having died in infancy. His descendants number 51.

ELIZABETH was married three times, the first time to Gordon Hazen. Three children were born to them, Henry, Hiram and Jane. Henry married but died without issue. Hiram died in early manhood. Jane married O.K. Ingersol of Auburn. Elizabeth married Dr. Crandal Morgan, but no children were born to them. She afterward married Abraham Scott. She died at their home in Butler, Indiana. Her descendants number 5.

JAMES M. CARNAHAN was born in Pennsylvania and grew to manhood in Richland County, Ohio, where he married Lucinda Lighthill. In 1852 they moved to Paulding County, Ohio, where together they met the hardships of pioneer life which the levelness of the country made doubly hard. A little anecdote related to the writer will illustrate this.

One day in early spring, while on his way to Sharloe, he saw one of his neighbors wading around in the yard, which was covered with water, and feeling ahead of him with a stick. On being asked what he was doing, he said he was trying to find the well, that his folks did not like wild water.

Today Paulding County is one of the banner counties of the state, but it has worn out a generation of sturdy pioneers.

James Carnahan is tall, with heavy shoulders and is very active. At the age of 86 he walked with as much activity as any of his children. He is at this writing the only one of the third generation living.

His children are, Polly, Wilson, Jesse, Martha, John, Issac, Almedia and Jemina. The total number of his descendants are 98 in all.

HEZEKIAH L. CARNAHAN was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1830. He came with the family to Richland County, Ohio in 1835; he moved with his mother, sister Fanny and brother Wilson to DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1855 and settled on the farm in Jackson Township, where the rest of his life was spent. He married Margaret McNabb and to them were born four children, John, Mary Ellen, Ebben, and James, all of whom are still living.

In September 1864 he joined Company A, 13th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war and was honorably discharged, September 20, 1865.

He was of medium height, with a slight limp that showed itself only as he became tired. He lived to be 83 years 8 months and 26 days old and passed away March 7, 1914. His descendants number 15.

WILSON CARNAHAN was born in Pennsylvania, grew to manhood in Richland County, Ohio, and came with the family to Indiana in 1855. Here he married Julia Guilford. Four children were born to them, Abner, Andrew, Elizabeth, and Dudley. After his wife died he married Martha Davis and to them were born five daughters, Margaret, Julia, Romina, Rachel, and Gertrude.

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NOTES

This is a copy of a letter written by the second son of Thomas Carnahan to H. L. Carnahan. Spelling and language have not been changed. In the original, where two adjoining s's are in a word, the first is shown as an f and the second one as an s.

Olivesburg, Richland Co., Ohio.

April 16/60

Dear Friends: I take my pen in hand to write a few lines to you after a long Delay but I hope it will Come welcome yet. We are all well at present, as well as common. My own helth is not improving any yet. Still I am able to go around and attend to my official Business. I have got another office this spring and I am going to Mansfield in the morning for my papers and then I will Commence Sessing on Thursday. That office will pay two Dollars per day and it will take me about 26 days to Do the Buisness up. I still live on John Houstons farm. Wee intend putting out about ten acres of corn this spring and that will keep boys fingers out of there Eyes for a while. I Cant stand one hour work. I am verry weak. The warm wether sets verry hard on me my strength all gon pretty mutch. I am so stout that I can't lift as mutch John Newton the boys will soon all be stouter than the old man if I dont get Better the prospect is dull now altho I may Ware it out after a while and it may ware me out yet but I must leave that in the hands of Providence. I must stop writing till get my Dinner for I have ben away all day and it is now three o'clock and the old wife had a visiter today so I will have to wate longer than I would. I will try and finish this letter on wensday I have not time to knight. Wednesday 18th I have not time to write mutch today for I must fix my papers redy for to go to work in the morning. But I will give you a little about the helth of our Country it is generally helthy this season verry little

sickness at all. Mrs. Tytler is lying yet no better than she was one year ago and she inquire of me every time that I am there when I herd from Mother and the rest of you. Now I would like to know if any of you are Comeing in this summer or fall to see us if you are write to me for I have a mind to take tramp after harvest if I live so long for the benifit of my helth and I dont want to be away if any of you come to see us. I must close my letter as I have not time to write any more but the next one I will give you a smasher if you will Excuse this one. This leves us as well as Common and I hope it will find Mother and you and your lady all enjoying the same Blessing.

This from your Effectionate

Brother

H. J. Carnahan

H.L. Carnahan

Write soon as you get this
for I am anctious to here from you.

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Few possessions of Thomas Carnahan remain. Of these, my brother, Paul M. Carnahan, presently of 1912 53rd Street, Des Moines 10, Iowa, has the old four poster bed. To our knowledge it was used successively by Thomas Carnahan, H. L. Carnahan, E. T. Carnahan and Paul M. Carnahan. I have half a dozen German silver teaspoons that were given by his grandmother to my father to be handed down from father to son.

Paul Carnahan also has a little old cheese box that was great-grandmother's sugar box. Father was just a little boy during the last four years of her life spent at his home. Like a lot of other little Carnahans he liked sweets and when he had been a good boy, his grandmother would give him a little piece of maple sugar from this box.

To clothe her large family great-grandmother had learned to weave, and father remembered the loom standing in the cabin while she lived. The cloth was all wool, wool and linen, or all linen. The wool and flax was raised and processed locally. It was spun into thread for the loom on spinning wheels which were a part of every household. Homespun cloth competed with factory woven cloth for a few years after the Civil War.

Elizabeth Carnahan had a mind and a temper of her own, as any mother who has raised a large family has to have. At the time most of the families bought a bolt of muslin out of which they made shirts, underclothes and bed linens as required. Manufactured shirts and overalls were not on the market. To encourage industry in her daughters-in-law she said that she would haunt any of them that put one of her boys in a colored shirt. They had to have white shirts of this muslin all the time, a little hard to keep clean during some kinds of farm work. Most of the girls stood in such awe of her that they did not want her hanging around them after she died. I never saw my grandfather wearing any shirt but one of those white muslin kind.

Wilson was the baby of the family and quite spoiled but her Presbyterian Seceder conscience did not withhold the rod when he needed it. At about the age of eleven he ran away from a threatened licking and climbed a tree, sure that his mother could not climb a tree. She called one of the older children to bring the axe and set to work on the tree with the skill and determination of a beaver. As the tree started to totter, Wilson climbed down to the lower branches and begged for a chance to take his licking. He did not want to ride the butt of the tree when it fell. Finally she relented when he was thoroughly scared and let him come

down to his just deserts. What he got would have kept an ordinary boy good for a week.

A few days after he married his first wife, Wilson was over at his mother's house on a rainy morning. She was busy cooking breakfast, bending over the spiders and kettles at the fireplace, so he had great fun for a time pulling her around the cabin backwards by her apron strings. With a meal on the fire there was enough for her to do without having to put up with a lot of horseplay. When he pulled her past the loom she seized the rod that tightened the weave, a good steel rod. When she got a chance to twist sideways she swatted him good across the shoulders. Wilson calmed down immediately. That evening he had to ask his bride to help him off with his shirt; it was stuck to his back. One look at his back and she asked:

"What happened to you?"

"Mammy licked me."

"Good for you. You must have deserved it."

H. L. Carnahan once told me that when he came out to Indiana in 1855, he came to Ft. Wayne by canal boat on the old Wabash & Erie Canal. He stayed that night at a tavern. After an early breakfast the next morning he headed north for the home of his brother Samuel. As he crossed the bridge going north the sun was just coming up. He followed the road north. This was a dirt road with a lot of detours to avoid swamps and hills, and not the fine paved road we now have. Just as he was going in Samuel's cabin that evening the sun was going down. Walking was the way people had to get around then. Those who could not walk five miles in an evening to a party or dance were not social successes.

On 13 April 1955, at the Capitol, Harrisburg, Pa., from the Genealogical Section of the Public Library the following mentions of Thomas Carnahan were secured:

Penna. Archives 6th Series Volume VIII Page 184.

Pay roll of an infantry company commanded by Capt. John Collom (Collam) under command of Gen'l William H. Harrison in the Winter of 1812-13, 2d Brigade commanded by Gen. Crooks marched to the North Western Army, Commencing 2 Oct. 1812 and ending April 2, 1813:

Line 49 "Thos. Carnehan, Sergt. 6 months (Enlistment period) Discharged Nov. 7, 1812."

On the receipt Roll of the same company covering the extra pay from the state of Penna., also for volunteering to serve 15 days after expiration of 6 months,

"Thomas Carnahan, Discharged."

Penna Archives 6th Series Volume X Page 75.

Receipt Roll of company of militia commanded by Lt. Robert Davison 136th Regiment Penna. Militia commanded by Lt. Col. John Phillips under orders of Maj. Gen. Mead, Jan. 1, 1814 ending Feb. 6.

	Rank	Pay Doll.	Time Served	Amt. of Pay
			Mo. Da.	Doll. Cts.
"Thomas Carnahan	Priv.	10	1 5	11 66 2/3
"Robert Carnahan	Priv.	10	1 5	11 66 2/3"

Formerly Capt. Dickson's Co.

At the Division of Public Records, Historical and Museum Comm. of the same place, it was learned that these units were definitely from Erie Co. At the moment this is the earliest mention of our line of descent in public records. This is proof; everything else of this time and earlier is unproved tradition.

1912 53rd St.,
Des Moines 10, Iowa
November 10, 1956

Dear Cousins:

Thanks to the efforts of all of you I am able to give herewith the history of the H. L. Carnahan family, nearly up to date. Perhaps even now the stork is adding another paragraph.

In copying the dates and names several times it is possible that I have made some errors. If you find any, please correct your copy. I think it will be a good idea if you arrange to make notes of other events affecting the history, births, deaths, marriages, military service, etc. A large envelope can hold your notes and newspaper clippings of interest.

This history can be used as a reference work in tracing and establishing relationship and facts in legal matters. It shows where and what records to search to provide the original information. The various offices of Vital Statistics will know where to look for the data required for birth and death certificates. A knowledge of when and where people lived or owned land will disclose entries on the land and tax records concerning them. This may be of great help fifty years from now.

If you are interested in the kind of life the earlier members of the family lived, go to your public library and secure a history of Pennsylvania during the colonial times for general information and earlier histories of Dauphin and Erie counties in that state. The Pennsylvania Archives mention the family name quite often and any item in Dauphin Co. up to 1783 and Erie Co. thereafter up to 1830 might apply. Due to the lack of documents it is hard to tell now just what our line of descent is from early times. Many of the state's earlier documents are still to be published so you can never tell what will be discovered.

The idea of giving everyone a code symbol to show their relationship just grew, so you can add to it as the need arises. It is your family so keep what records you wish.

I have taken the liberty of writing rather fully of H. L. and less of his children. Conditions and customs are lost with the years unless mentioned. They lived their lives under contemporary circumstances; we have our own problems to face.

The best of luck to you.

Yours very truly,

Hugh L. Carnahan
Hugh L. Carnahan, 0122016
Colonel, Army of the United States, Retired.

FAMILY TREE

In order to identify the individuals of the family and trace them, each has been given a code identification. The sons of a descendant are given letters in the alphabetical order of their birth, the daughters numbers in their order. Thus each person's line of descent is traced in the code designation. As H. L. Carnahan was the sixth son of Thomas Carnahan, the farthest back we can be sure of at this time, he is given the letter F. The first date after a name is the date of birth, followed by place of birth; the last date is date of death followed by place of burial.

- F Hezekiah Lewis Carnahan (H. L.) July 11, 1830, Erie Co., Pa., Pvt. Co. A, 13th Ind. Vol. Inf. March 7, 1914. Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn, Ind., with his mother, Elizabeth Carnahan, Feb. 5, 1788-Mar. 8, 1864.
- Margret McNabb, Dec. 21, 1839, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind. Sept. 24, 1917. Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn, Ind.
Children: FA, F1, FB, FC.
- FA William John Carnahan, (W. J.) May 13, 1860, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co. Ind. April 23, 1934, Mausoleum, Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Ind.
- Ophelia May Hollopeter June 9, 1868, Cedar Creek Twp., Allen Co., Ind. April 9, 1945, Mausoleum, Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Ind.
Children: FAA, FAB.
- F1 Mary Ellen Carnahan, (Mellie) March 11, 1862, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind. May 10, 1944. Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Ind.
- John D. Essig, April 24, 1854, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind. Oct. 12, 1912. Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Ind.
Children: F1A, F11, F12.
- FB Ebben Thomas Carnahan (E. T.) Jan. 13, 1871, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind. Mar. 27, 1930, Mausoleum, Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Ind.
- Ellen Gertrude Hollopeter, April 7, 1872, Cedar Creek Twp., Allen Co., Ind. July 2, 1949, IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Ind.
Children: FB1, FB2, FB3, FB4.
- FC James Colburn Carnahan, June 13, 1872, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind. Nov. 29, 1939, Cedar Chapel Cemetery, De Kalb Co., Ind.
- Alice M. C. Fredrickson, Aug. 1, 1872, Cedarville, Allen Co., Ind.
Children: FC1, FCA.
- AA Hugh Lloyd Carnahan (Hugh L.), Feb. 16, 1891, Butler Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind. ASN 1167519, 0122016, Colonel, Army of the United States, Retired. Bachelor.
- FAB Paul Manford Carnahan (Paul M.), Dec. 14, 1896, Butler Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind. ASN 0218942, Capt., Army of the United States, Retired.
- Mabel B. Teegarden, July 11, 1902, Emmet Co., Mich.
Children: FAB1, FAB2.
- FAB1 Marjorie Bell Carnahan, July 24, 1929, Michigan City, Ind.
- Walter Wilson Wade, July 8, 1927, USN 9770477.
Children: FAB11, FAB12.
- FAB11 Ann Elizabeth Wade, Aug. 26, 1953, Evanston, Illinois

FAB12 Katherine Marie Wade, Dec. 14, 1954, Waukegan, Illinois

FAB2 Carol Marie Carnahan, Dec. 19, 1930, Michigan City, Ind.
James Leland Rice, Jr., June 22, 1930, Ft. Dodge, Iowa. USA 55388243,
Specialist 3rd.

F1A William C. Essig, May 28, 1891, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
Matie Sisson, Aug. 21, 1889, Summit Co., Ohio.
Children: F1A1.

F1A1 Mildred Joan Essig, July 28, 1918, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
Wm. Edwards, Dec. 19, 1912, Jackson Co., Ky.
Children: F1A1A, F1A1B, F1A1C.

F1A1A John Steven Edwards, Mar. 14, 1939, Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind.

F1A1B Tommy Allen Edwards, April 3, 1942, Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind.

F1A1C William Michael Edwards, Oct. 23, 1945, Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind.

F11 Margret Ruth Essig, March 2, 1895, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
William Goings, July 27, 1892.
Children: F11A, F11B, F11C, F11D, F11E, F111.

F11A Donald Leroy Goings, Feb. 21, 1918, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
1st Lt. Artillery ASN 35168556.
Nellie Lower, Jan. 8,
Children: F11A1, F11AA.

F11A1 Gloria Lee Goings, Sept. 1, 1943.

F11AA Robin Goings, May 9, 1948.

F11B James Dale Goings, Oct. 9, 1919, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
1st Lt. Air Corp. ASN 1508455.
Peggy Richardson
Children: F11BA, F11BB.

F11BA Douglas Goings, May 13, 1952

F11BB Craig Stuart Goings, Aug. 13, 1955.

F11C Fred Everett Goings, Nov. 18, 1924, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
Shirley Ann Koble, June 6, 1934.
Children: F11CA, F11CB, F11C1, F11C2.

F11CA David Eugene Goings, Nov. 18, 1943.

F11CB Fred Everett Goings, Jr., Feb. 12, 1948.

F11C1 Sue Ann Goings, Feb. 18, 1949.

F11C2 Beatrice Kay Goings, Sept. 26, 1955.

F11D Gerald Lawrence Goings, June 2, 1931, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
Army Band ASN 55219228 Sgt.
Betty Jane Ish, April 5, 1935.

F11E John William Goings, July 29, 1934, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
Cpl. Marine Corps 1325035.

F11I Ruthan Goings, March 2, 1940, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.

F12 Kate Essig, March 27, 1901, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
Ralph Everett Clark, Aug. 10, 1899, Pvt. HS31734.
Children: F121, F12A, F122.

F12I Faith Irene Clark, June 5, 1920, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
William Lee Richardson, June 16, 1911.
Children: F1211, F1212.

F1211 Kathrine Lena Richardson, Sept. 27, 1942.

F1212 Marcia Lynn Richardson, Dec. 16, 1944.

F12A Willard Everett Clark, July 16, 1925, Ft. Wayne Ind. Pfc. 520223
Marine Corps.
Marilyn Nichols, Feb. 20, 1930.
Children: F12AA, F12AB.

F12AA Gary Scott Clark, Dec. 31, 1951.

F12AB Matthew Lee Clark, Sept. 10, 1954.

F122 Mary Ellen Clark, Oct. 10, 1926, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Robert James McCurdy, Nov. 20, 1920. 1st Lt. ASN 17169379.
Children: F1221, F122A, F1222.

F1221 Karen Lee McCurdy, Jan. 7, 1952.

F122A Robert Alexander McCurdy, Jan. 2, 1954.

F1222 Kathleen Louise McCurdy, Jan. 25, 1956.

FB1 Nellie Carnahan, April 17, 1899, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
Feb. 9, 1941 Interred Scipio Cemetery, (On #37 Between Ft. Wayne, Ind.,
and Hicksville, Ohio.
Chas. O. Cook, April 2, 1899.
Children: FB1A, FB1B, FB11, FB1C, FB12, FB1D, FB13, FB14.

FB1A Wayne Edward Cook, Aug. 2, 1921
Colleen Harnish.
Children: FB1A1, FB1AB.

FB1AA Edward Allen Cook, Oct. 18, 1942.

FB1AB Ronald Wayne Cook, Dec. 10, 1944.

FB1B Donald Charles Cook, April 6, 1923. ASN 35558496.
 Eloise Hook.
 Children: FB1BA, FB1B1, FB1BB.

FB1BA William David Cook, Aug. 7, 1949.

FB1B1 Patricia Ann Cook, December 9, 1953.

FB1BB Dennis Duane Cook, Aug. 17, 1955.

FB11 Violet Rose Cook, November 30, 1924.
 John Harter.
 Children: FB111, FB11A, FB11B, FB11C, FB11D.

FB111 Johnette Rose Harter, April 25, 1944.

FB11A Charles Ray Harter, Sept. 3, 1945.

FB11B James Leland Harter, Jan. 10, 1947.

FB11C Richard Allen Harter, Sept. 5, 1948.

FB11D Michael Max Harter, Mar. 17, 1950.

FB1C Carl Russell Cook, Dec. 17, 1925 -- Mar. 17, 1945. Killed with the
 Marines and buried on Iwo Jima; body later removed to Hawaii.
 Joan Fortney.

FB12 Joyce Nellie Cook, Jan. 20, 1927.
 Wilbur O. Diehl, Coxswain USN 875-05-72.
 Children: FB12A, FB121, FB122.

FB12A Ralph Oren Diehl, Aug. 14, 1947.

FB121 Diana June Diehl, Sept. 15, 1949.

FB122 Pamela Kaye Diehl, Mar. 12, 1953.

FB1D David Frederick Cook, Oct. 18, 1928 -- June 20, 1946. Killed in auto
 accident. Buried in Scipio Cemetery.

FB13 Beverly Jean Cook, Oct. 24, 1932 -- Feb. 2, 1955. Died of double
 pneumonia, buried in Scipio Cemetery.

FB14 Mary Gertrude Cook, Sept. 20, 1934.
 Frederick DeWayne Petre, July 25, 1929. Cpl. 293 Inf. 38th Div. Co. I,
 ASN 23021120.
 Children: FB14A, FB14B, FB141.

FB14A Charles Frederick Petre, Dec. 5, 1951.

FB14B Terry De Wayne Petre, Oct. 8, 1953.

FB141 Beverly Louise Petre, Jan. 30, 1953.

- FB2 Jessie Mabel Carnahan, April 26, 1901, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
Homer Dale Clark, Sr., Dec. 6, 1901, De Kalb Co., Ind.
Children: FB2A, FB2B, FB2C, FB21.
- FB2A John Wesley Clark, Mar. 21, 1924, Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind. Naval Cadet
702-83-02 USNR AIL Ser. 383393 Lt.
Eva Mae Argubright, Aug. 15, 1925.
Children: FB2A1, FB2A2, FB2A3, FB2A4.
- FB2A1 Janice Maureen Clark, Dec. 23, 1945, Garrett, De Kalb Co., Ind.
- FB2A2 Alicia Ann Clark, Sept. 5, 1947, Terre Haute, Ind.
- FB2A3 Carolyn Sue Clark, Mar. 6, 1950, Pekin, Ill.
- FB2A4 Sharon Lee Clark, Jan. 19, 1952, Pekin, Ill.
- FB2B Homer Dale Clark, Jr., April 20, 1927, Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind. Navy
SN 294-14-5C.
Carol Ruth Carter, Dec. 22, 1927.
Children: FB2BA, FB2B1, FB2BB.
- FB2BA Peter David Clark, Oct. 27, 1952, Peoria, Ill.
- FB2B1 Lynne Elizabeth Clark, Dec. 17, 1953, Portland, Me.
- FB2BB Daniel Allen Clark, May 15, 1955, Peoria, Ill.
- FB2C Roland Royce Clark, June 19, 1928, Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind.
Geraldine Lucille Brown-Boren, Feb. 17, 1921.
Children: FB2CA.
- FB2CA Jack Robert Clark, Sept. 17, 1954, Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind.
- FB21 Betty Mae Clark, Mar. 9, 1930, Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind.
John Edward Suthers, July 21, 1920.
Children: FB21A, FB21B.
- FB21A Byron Dale Suthers, Jan. 10, 1951, Minneapolis, Minn.
- FB21B Steven Kent Suthers, Feb. 26, 1953, Minneapolis, Minn.
- FB3 Belle Carnahan, Sept. 29, 1903, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
Charles Carl Anderson, Sept. 22, 1900, Montevideo, Minn.
- FB4 Bertha Faye Carnahan, Aug. 20, 1909, Jackson Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
Kenneth E. Nodine, Married June 29, 1933; divorced Dec. 12, 1944.
George Franklin Moore, April 9, 1887. Married April 9, 1948.

- FC1 Eva Evangeline Carnahan, Nov. 5, 1896, De Kalb Co., Ind.
 Ross E. Berry, Sept. 20, 1890, Belmont Co., Ohio. C-16-286982. July 27, 1956.
 Children: FC11, FC1A, FC1B, FC1c, FC1D. (Cedar Chapel Cemetery, (De Kalb Co., Ind.
- FC11 Ruth Irene Berry, Aug. 3, 1918, De Kalb Co., Ind.
 George Burdette Harter, June 28, 1913, Roberts Co., S. Dak.
 Children: FC 11A, FC111, FC112.
- FC11A Joe Roger Harter, Feb. 16, 1941, Butler Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
- FC111 Rosanna Lee Harter, June 28, 1943, Butler Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
- FC112 Betty Ruth Harter, Jan. 17, 1945, Butler Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
- FC1A Winfred Lewis Berry, July 12, 1920, Butler Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
 ASN 35330297 80th Div. under Gen. Patton.
 Alice Reinohl, May 6, 1928, Ashley, De Kalb Co., Ind.
 Children: FC1AA, FC1AB, FC1AC.
- FC1AA Michael Lewis Berry, Aug. 12, 1947, Waterloo, De Kalb Co., Ind.
- FC1AB Donald Eugene Berry, Sept. 25, 1948, Waterloo, De Kalb Co., Ind.
- FC1AC Ross Everett Berry, Mar. 24, 1953, Ashley, De Kalb Co., Ind.
- FC1B Alva Harold Berry, Jan. 15, 1923, Butler Twp., DeKalb Co., Ind.
 USN 6265793 USS Arkansas.
 Joyce Elaine Weller, April 14, 1923, Ari, Noble Co., Ind.
 Children: FC1B1, FC1BA.
- FC1B1 Cheryl Elaine Berry, June 10, 1947, Tri Lakes, Whitley Co., Ind.
- FC1BA Norman James Berry, Aug. 11, 1951, Tri Lakes, Whitley Co., Ind.
- FC1C Lynn C. Berry, Sept. 5, 1925, Butler Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind. USN 6272602
 USS Gannymede.
 Mabel Schaeffer Rothgeb, Springfield Twp., Allen Co., Ind.
 Children: FC1C1.
- FC1C1 Ann Lynn Berry, Mar. 20, 1956, Garrett, De Kalb Co., Ind.
- FC1D Argil James Berry, April 30, 1928, Butler Twp., De Kalb Co., Ind.
 Cpl. RA 16311098 Under Gen. Dean, Bronze Star.
- FCA Harold Lawrence Carnahan, June 29, 1904, De Kalb Co., Ind.
 Edith E. James, July 31, 1909, Woodburn, Ind. Divorced.
 Children: First died, FCAA
 Mildred Glosson, Aug. 23, 1911, New Haven, Allen Co., Ind.
 Children: FCAB, FCAC, FCAD.
- FCAA Richard Gene Carnahan, Jan. 15, 1930, De Kalb Co., Ind. Cpl. AF 57211502.
 Alitza Arlene Goshorn, Feb. 10, 1930, Montpelier, Ohio.
 Children: FCAAM, FCAAl, FCAAB.

FCAAA Richard Gene Carnahan, Jr., Jan. 3, 1952, Lansing, Mich.
FCAAL Doris Ann Carnahan, June 18, 1953, Lansing, Mich.
FCAAB John Allen Carnahan, Aug. 28, 1955, Lansing, Mich.

FCAB Jerry Max Carnahan, July 1942, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
FCAC Joe Lawrence Carnahan, Aug. 1944, Angola, Steuben Co., Ind.
FCAD James Carnahan, Dec. 1947, Eluffton, Ind.

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F: H. L. Carnahan

Hezekiah Lewis Carnahan, or H. L. as he preferred being known, was born July 11, 1830, in Erie County, Pa. A few years after this his parents moved to what was then Mercer Co., of that state but is now known as Lawrence Co., Pa. In 1835 they again moved to Richland Co., Ohio. It was from this home that in the fall of 1848 his father went with him on a load of wheat to Milan, Ohio, and from there walked to his relatives in Erie Co., Pa., for a visit. He was taken sick there and died March 6, 1849.

Little is known of the circumstances of the family at this time, but it is likely that they were farmers raising their own living from the land. Whether they owned their own land or were tenant farmers has not been determined.

He once told me of bumming a ride on one of the first railroads in the Sandusky area. This was before steel rails were available. Ties were laid down, timbers spiked to them and wagon tires spiked on top to take up the wear of the iron wheels. In use the spikes holding the tires worked loose and the tires rolled up. When this was encountered, the engineer or fireman would go forward with hammers and drive the spikes down again before pulling the train over this section. No great speed was ever attempted on these early roads, but to country boys it was much faster than a wagon pulled by horses.

In 1854 Samuel and Bailey Carnahan moved out to Jackson Township, De Kalb Co., Indiana. In 1855 the widowed mother, H. L., Wilson, Fanny, and probably Elizabeth, joined them. H. L. once related to me that he came out to Ft. Wayne on a canal boat on the old Wabash & Erie Canal. He did not say that any of the others were with him at the time, but they were soon established around School District No. 9 in Jackson Township.

After working around for the local farmers for a short time H. L. purchased the west half of the southeast quarter of the section west of No. 9, across the road from his brother Samuel's farm. Later Wilson occupied land to the east of his farm, and Bailey owned land to the north of the school house. His widow, Mary Ann, lived there until the time of her death.

I doubt if a picture or even a sketch of the original cabin ever existed. According to my father, it was close to the road and the western boundary of the farm. It was a log cabin, one room on the ground floor, with a sleeping loft above. When it snowed in the winter, the snow would sift through the clapboard roof so that the mice tracks in it were plainly visible in the early morning light. As was the custom where stone or brick were not immediately available, the fireplace was of wood heavily plastered with clay. The chimney was of the same construction. During times when a good fire was burning it required frequent inspections to see that the wood did not catch fire. It is likely that this was later replaced by a brick or stone fireplace and chimney. At least a lean-to kitchen was added with the stove pipe sticking up through the roof.

In clearing the farm for crops most of the work was done with the ax. The trees were felled, cut into logs, rolled together and burned. There was no market for the logs and the family had to be fed. In the early years H. L. had a yoke of oxen to do the heavy work of getting the logs together. Oxen were better than horses, for they did not get excited, pulled steadily, and when the day's work was done could be turned loose to forage for themselves.

A cherished daguerreotype of Margret McNabb about the time she became Mrs. Carnahan, showed her a very pretty girl with long brown hair. It was the family tradition that she was the first white child born in Jackson Township. Her family had settled along an old Indian trail and many times the Indians stopped there for water or something to eat. Among her memories was the sight of the legendary Johnny Appleseed stopping at their clearing. At the time he was wearing only one shoe and carrying the other. It seemed that one foot had stepped on a toad, and he was punishing it by making it go barefoot.

In 1860 H.L.'s mother came to live with them until March 8, 1864, when she died. That fall he was drafted for the Civil War. He provided for his family by leaving enough wheat for a year's use piled in one corner of the cabin. At that time families took their own wheat to the mill, brought back the flour ground from it for their bread.

H. L. was assigned to Company A, Capt. Silas Clark's Company, 13th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The regiment had been badly shot up at Shiloh and had suffered in later engagements, so it was now filled out with drafted men and men from short term regiments whose enlistments had expired. Most of the veterans were given Spencer 7-shot carbines, but grandfather carried a Springfield rifle. He was a willing soldier but the hard life and the monotonous ration of coffee, sugar, hard tack, salt pork, and beans was too much for him. Like many others he acquired the dread camp dysentery, which was to plague him in after years.

The only battle he participated in was the reduction of Ft. Fisher. This fort protected Wilmington, N. C., the last port open to the southern blockade runners. He was sick when the troops went ashore, but he helped dig a trench in the sand with his mess kit, then lay down in it. He was removed to a hospital ship and later to a land hospital.

After some time in this hospital he was well enough to travel, the war was over and he was given an honorable discharge from the hospital at Goldsboro, N. C. This discharge is now in my possession and shows a service of 350 days. In September he came home to his family.

He was never able to do a good day's work afterward. With a family to support and a farm to clear this was a handicap but they managed to make a go of it and pay for the farm. It called for frugality, hard work, good management and the saving of all their resources. Money was scarce, and hard to obtain, so people had to raise what they wanted or do without.

Father's first term of school at No. 9, probably 1866-7, was the last year the old log school was used. This was heated by a fireplace, had puncheons with auger holes bored in them and fitted with stakes for seats. Slates were used for writing and figuring.

In 1875 the barn was built that still stands. This took a long preparation of hewing the beams from the trees on the farm with a broadax, hauling logs to the mill for planks and boards, gathering stone from the fields for the walls and scraping up the dirt for the driveway leading to the upper floor.

When the little boys were about ten years or so old, they were gathered in the kitchen of the old cabin with father and H. L. one rainy morning when grandmother and Mellie were out milking. The thunder and lightning was quite heavy. One bolt struck the stove pipe protruding through the roof and went through the three boys to the ground. All of them were more or less burned and it was six weeks before they were fully recovered. Their cowhide boots, torn to shreds hung in the old shop for years.

The frame house that replaced the old cabin was typical of those constructed after the Civil War. The lumber came from the farm, one large sycamore tree furnishing all the siding. It had high ceilings, wainscoting and some of the ornaments common to frame houses of the period. The kitchen and woodshed were separate from the house, connected by a porch. The cellar extended under all of the house, with a cistern under the kitchen. An ice house adjoined the woodshed. After the crowded cabin this was a palace indeed. It was heated by large wood-burning stoves. In the living room H. L.'s favorite rocker sat in front of the large stove, so he could look out the windows to the road and down to the barn. The large woodbox alongside his chair made a handy place to put his feet.

With the addition of a granary-wagon shed-corncrib, chicken coop, and repair shop the farm was now well equipped with buildings. Constant clearing and tiling,

with careful farming, and stock raising made it quite productive. While H. L. could not do the work he saw to it that there was no lost motion, and that all effort was profitably applied. When harvested the hay crop went into the mows of the barn; the wheat and other grains went on top of the hay. Several times the mows, half the floor and the part over this half were filled so that some of the oats had to be stacked outside. When the threshers came they knew they were in for a day or two of steady threshing, and that nothing but a heavy rain would stop them.

H. L. and his brothers, James, Samuel, and Wilson always wore long beards, while Abner, John and Bailey, are shown in their pictures as wearing chin whiskers in the best Horace Greeley tradition. His appetite was poor, although his wife was always preparing something to tempt him. In the 23 years I knew him he was always slight of build. He did not hunt or fish, but saw to it that the boys had plenty of time at these sports. All his thoughts and energies were devoted to the management of his farm. He had plenty of time for reading and was always interested in everything that was going on.

When the De Kalb County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company was started he was one of the original members. This was a risky venture for the first few, but losses were light for a few years and others joined rapidly so that it became a going concern.

His sons and daughter married and moved away, except Ebben and his family remained to care for the old folks and work the farm. H. L. and Margret celebrated their Golden Wedding with a quiet family affair in the house they had built, on the farm on which they had lived all their married life. He was quite feeble in his later years, dying March 7, 1914.

His three sons and three of his grandsons acted as pallbearers. As we bore him away, we realized this was the end of a long life well lived. He had attained the ambition of many Scotch Irish people of his time, for he had lived most of his life on his own land and was being carried out from his own house.

His wife survived him only a short time, dying in 1917. She, H. L., and his mother are buried on the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery, at Auburn, Indiana.

FA: W. J. Carnahan

W. J. Carnahan, the eldest child of H. L. Carnahan, was born May 13, 1860, in Jackson Township, De Kalb Co., Indiana. Here he grew up on his father's farm, attended the district school and learned the rudiments of several trades. For several years he followed the carpenter's trade in the country around his home, acting as a contractor most of the time. He was a fair blacksmith, repairing much of the machinery used on the farm. In the winter he repaired the shoes of the family. His interest in things mechanical led him to build a telephone line from his home to that of the nearest neighbor.

In August 1889 he married Ophelia May Hollopeter, the eldest daughter of Capt. W. C. Hollopeter of near Leo in Allen County. They moved to the farm of his father, the south half of the northwest quarter of Sec. 36, Eutler Township, De Kalb Co. He was later to purchase this farm and live here until his death, April 22, 1934.

About two years after the birth of his first son, Hugh Lloyd, both of them had the measles at the same time. W. J. suffered a relapse from which he never fully recovered. From a picture of health, six feet in his socks and weighing around 200 pounds, he shrank in weight and bowed down as rheumatism was added to his affliction. A second son, Paul Manford, was born in 1896.

Only about a third of his farm had been cleared when he moved on it and the

rest had to be cleared and fenced. A large portion of this woodland was the swamp bottom of an old beaver pond. It was muck with peat moss below it, that could be cut with a spade like turf in Ireland. All of this had to be ditched and tile put in to drain the low places. Through the back part of the place ran the divide between the St. Joe River and Cedar Creek. It was so situated that it drained into the watersheds of three county ditches. Life was just one ditch after another.

W. J. was a great reader and kept a small but well assorted library. He served one term as township trustee and one as township assessor, as well as superintendent of construction on several county ditches. Before his marriage he united with the Mt. Olivet M. E. Church and gave liberally of his time to this church.

As he became too feeble to handle the farming operations, he rented out his fields and devoted his time to his bees, chickens and turkeys. In his later years he suffered from stomach ulcers and later cancer, which killed him.

His wife survived him eleven years, dying April 9, 1945. Both rest in the mausoleum at Auburn, Indiana.

Fl: Mary Ellen Carnahan

Mary Ellen Carnahan, the only daughter of H. L. Carnahan, was born in Jackson Township, De Kalb Co., Indiana, March 11, 1862. She grew up on the home farm assisting her mother with the farm work.

She attended the home school and later taught several terms of district school. She was early afflicted with sick headaches which were to trouble her all her life.

She married John D. Essig, the son of another early pioneer, and went to live with him on the family homestead near the center of Jackson Township. To them were born three children, William C., Margret Ruth, and Kate.

She lived the usual busy life of a farmer's wife with a family of growing children. Her husband died in 1912. Her son took over the management of the homestead. Her daughters married and moved away, leaving her in the house to which she had moved when married, with William living in the old family home.

After some years she suffered a stroke that slowed down her physical activities but not her mind and interest in other things. Her last few years were spent with her daughter Kate in Ft. Wayne. She died May 10, 1944.

She had considerable ability as a composer of verse and many examples of her work are cherished by her family.

FB: E. T. Carnahan

E. T. Carnahan, the second son of H. L. Carnahan, was born January 13, 1871, on his father's farm in Jackson Township. He never had occasion to move from this farm, residing here until his death March 27, 1930.

He grew up like any other farm boy of the time, attended the district school and later taught school for a number of years, spending the summers working on the farm. He married Ellen Gertrude Hollopeter a sister of his brother John's wife.

The Hollopeter homestead was about two miles south of the Allen-DeKalb Co. line in Cedar Creek Township. It was a large family of four sons and four daughters that reached maturity. The father, Capt. W. C. Hollopeter, was active and well known in local affairs in the township and Allen County.

To Ebben and Gertrude were born four daughters, Nellie, Jessie, Belle, and Faye.

The care of his parents and the affairs of the home farm did not occupy all of his time for he first purchased the eighty acre farm south of W. J. Carnahan and after selling this purchased the like tract of land to the north of his brother. On the death of his parents he purchased the home farm from the other heirs.

He read widely, was interested in all the local affairs and developments in farming. He always enjoyed hunting and knew the hills and woods around his home as well as their owners did.

One characteristic of his personal appearance was a large straw colored mustache. This was also the mark of his brothers, W. J. and Jim as well as several of his cousins. To my knowledge it was worn by Milt son of Bailey D., Marion son of William John, and Abner son of Wilson S.

When his health began to fail he soon passed away, and rests in the mausoleum at Auburn, Indiana.

His widow married Clement Evard, a farmer who lived near New Haven, Indiana. After some years she was taken sick with an illness that lasted for some months. She died at the home of her daughter, Faye, in Bryan, Ohio, July 2, 1949, and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery at New Haven.

FC: James Colburn Carnahan

The youngest son of H. L. was born June 13, 1872, on the home place where he grew to manhood. He early learned to enjoy the pleasures of hunting and fishing which were the principal sports of country boys at the time. Before the woods were cut off they sheltered the remnant of the original game population and offered hunting that will never be seen again.

Jim learned the carpenter trade as practiced at the time and followed it off and on for some years. He married Alice M. C. Frederickson and began farming to better support his family. Two children were born to them, Eva and Harold.

As long as his strength would allow he rented some of the larger farms of that locality, later purchasing a farm bordering on Cedar Creek, Butler Township, De Kalb Co., east of Cedar Chapel. This remained his home until his death Nov. 29, 1939.

He is buried in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery close to his last home.

Jim, his brothers Ebben and John, along with their uncle Wilson, were country fiddlers. Before television, radio, or the wheezy phonograph, winter evenings were long and dull. Anyone who could enliven a country gathering with a few old dance tunes was a welcome addition to the party. No one ever made a fortune at it, but they did get a lot of fun out of playing for these affairs which were not always approved by the good pillars of the church.

July, 1959

C A R N A H A N N O T E S

INTRODUCTION

The Carnahans are scattered all over the country. A glance at the telephone directory of nearly any large city will show a few of them. Usually they are not in large groups but are representative of the community in which they are found. In talking with some of these we were seldom able to establish a relationship. Strangers have inquired as to my home and have told me they have known others of the name. Few people can trace their family further back than their grandparents.

In 1954 an investigation in the Genealogical Section of the Newberry Library, about 900 North Clark Street, Chicago, showed that there were a large number of the name in Pennsylvania from Colonial Times on to the present. The Genealogical Section of the Pennsylvania State Library, at Harrisburg, yielded much more information. The following genealogists have assisted in their respective provinces:

Mr. M. Luther Heisey, 237 North Lime St., Lancaster, Pa., a specialist in Lancaster County Genealogy.

Mrs. Wilson R. Durham, 1419 Hart Road, R. D. #8, Erie, Pa. She is a member of the Erie Co. Pa. Chapter, D. A. R., and quite familiar with the early records of Erie Co.

Mr. Harold K. Trout, 130 S. Front St., Wormleysburg, Pa. He has been a trained investigator for the state of Pennsylvania, is employed in the capitol across the river from his home, and quite familiar with the state records available there.

Pennsylvania has gone through its earlier records in storage and printed many of them in the Pennsylvania Archives Series which are available in the Genealogical Section of large Public Libraries in many of the big cities. Early county histories, public records, newspaper files of early years, old books and like printed matter furnish valuable information of the family and the period.

A search of these early records shows the lack of education at the time. Few people could read or write. When it was necessary to enter the name on any document, the man pronounced it as best he could, and the clerk wrote it down as it sounded to him. The result is a variety of spellings, the most of whom are covered by the possibilities shown below. There are a few others that may have been used.

Possible spellings: First Letter, C or K
First Vowel, a, e, i, o.
Second Consonant, rn.
Second Vowel, a, e, i, o, ae, au.
Third Consonant, g, gh, h, ch, th.
Last Vowel, a, e, i, o.
Last Letter, n.

Over the years many of the early names for places and cities have been changed so this has to be taken into consideration in searching old records. When the land was being settled a county would be formed as soon as the population warranted it. As the population increased it would be subdivided into other counties. Counties in which the early Carnahan settlers were numerous are:

Lancaster Co. formed May 10, 1729 from part of Chester County.
Cumberland Co. formed Jan. 27, 1750 from part of Lancaster County.
Bedford Co. formed March 9, 1771 from part of Cumberland County.
Westmoreland Co. formed Feb. 26, 1773 from part of Bedford County and in 1785 part of the purchase of 1784 added thereto.
Dauphin Co. formed Mar. 4, 1785 from part of Lancaster County.
Allegheny Co. formed Sept. 24, 1788 from part of Westmoreland County and Washington County.
Erie Co. formed Mar. 12, 1800 from part of Allegheny County.

Much of the land of this state is unfit for farming or private use. It is still in public domain. When a settler wanted to purchase a parcel of land he first secured from the authorities a Warranty of Land, which called upon the local surveyor to survey for him a satisfactory tract of land and make return of it to the colonial authorities. When all requirements as to purchase had been completed a patent was issued to the settler and recorded in the county seat. After that all transfers of this tract were recorded at the county court house. Warranties of Land, and after the Revolutionary War, Surveys of Land, are recorded in Pa. Archives Series 3. They are now recorded at the Land Office, Department of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, Pa., as a part of the public records. Three of the earliest of these bearing the family name in Lancaster County are listed below:

James Carnaghan, Sadusbury, Twp., 140 acres, date of warrant Aug. 13, 1746.

Thomas Carnachan, Mt. Pleasant Twp., on Conewago Creek, 100 acres, date of warrant May 11, 1748.

Joseph and William Carnahan, Leacock Twp., 340 acres, date of warrant Oct. 8, 1750.

These are still in the present boundaries of Lancaster County.

ORIGIN

After several years of research I am of the opinion that:

1. The family originated in Ireland.
2. Economical, religious, political, and personal crisis compelled them to move to other places.
3. A large number of them sought refuge in Scotland from 1558 to 1760 and later.
4. Our family is one of many branches.
5. Starting in the early decades of the eighteenth century many of all groups began settling in Pennsylvania, New York, Canada, Ohio, and Tennessee, from which they have spread all over the country.

Below are excerpts from printed works which bear on the subject.

John Rooney's Genealogical History of Irish Families, P 410, the Kernahan Family (Crest 11, Plate 3)

"The Kernahan family is descended from Milesius, King of Spain, through the line of his son Hermon. The founder of the family was Brian, son of Eacha May Veagon, King of Ireland, A. D. 350. The ancient name was Cairmseachain, which signifies 'The Peacemaker.' The possessions of the sept were located in the present counties of Sligo and Donegal."

Venango County, Pennsylvania, Her Pioneers and Her People, Vol. II, Page 760, Published by J. H. Beers & Company, Chicago, Illinois, 1919.

"BUCHANAN H. CARNAHAN - is now living in retirement after a long and honorable association with business and official circles in Oil City where he was prominent in the administration of local government for almost a quarter century, receiving the highest honors within the gift of his fellow citizens. He proved himself deserving of the confidence which they manifested, showing a keen sense of responsibility in all his public services and broad ideas regarding their obligations which have helped to elevate municipal standards in many respects. A resident of Oil City from about 1865, he is a member of an old family of this section of Pennsylvania, established in Mercer County over a century ago, and of early Irish origin, though living in Scotland when the first ancestor of this branch in America came over the Atlantic.

"The first authentic knowledge of the family dates back to 1540, when three Irish tribes or clans named Carnochan, Carnaghan and Carnathan, respectively, entered into an agreement to unite for their mutual protection. According to tradition they had previously lived as most tribes of the times, preying on their weaker neighbors and levying tribute in lands, cattle and servants. Their habitation was on the rough and stormy coast of the north of Ireland, and the wreckage of vessels

driven ashore formed one of their chief sources of revenue; they were even accused of luring boats ashore by means of false lights. It is said that when these tribes had no common foe they fought each other, greatly diminishing their numbers by these perpetual feuds. When the great religious reformation spread over Ireland, they embraced the Calvinistic faith, uniting in 1540 under the leadership of James Alexander Carnahan, and they defended their belief with the same vigor, that they had prosecuted their earlier enterprises, having numerous pitched battles with the soldiers of Mary Tudor (1553-1558). In the last year of her reign their chief was slain and the clan was almost exterminated, their goods and lands being confiscated to the crown, and many suffering imprisonment or death. Of those who took refuge in Scotland, one group settling in Dumfries, the other in Aberdeen. The former branch became weavers by occupation the latter hewers of stone or stone-masons, owning and working large quarries. They became people of some importance, one John Andrew Carnahan being a delegate to the convention in France from which resulted the celebrated Edict of Nantes, promulgated in 1598.

"From this time little is known of the family up to 1709, in which year James Alexander Carnahan was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. It is supposed that he was the direct ancestor of the Carnahans here under consideration. He is reputed to have been a man of powerful build, standing six feet four inches in his bare feet and weighing about two hundred and fifty pounds, of dark swarthy complexion, self-esteemed, and very decided in his religious views. He had fourteen sons and five daughters, the sons James, Hugh and John emigrating to America and their families between 1760 and 1770 and settling in the Cumberland Valley at Carlisle, Penna. There is little doubt that Adam Carnahan, grandfather of Buchanan H. Carnahan, was descended from one of these three brothers."

Historical Collections of Harrison County in the State of Ohio, By Charles A. Hanna, 1900, P 7.

"From the counties of Wigtonshire and Kirkcudbrightshire (once forming the ancient principality of Galloway and from whence come the Galloway cattle) beside the McCullochs and the McClellans, came also the Agnews, Boyles, Douglasses, Carnahans, Carsons, Glendennings, Gordons, Hannas, Herrons, Kerrs, McCreas, McBrides, McMaths, McWychens, McWilliams, Maxwells, Ramseys, Stewarts and others."

P 140. "We find from the records of Harrison County that Lots Numbered 58, 59 and 60 in the town of Cadiz (the present residence of Mr. A. H. Carnahan) were deeded on April 16, 1812 to 'John McFadden, Samuel Carnahan, John Craig, William Hamilton, and John Jamison, trustees appointed by the Associated Reformed congregation of Cadiz,' for the purpose of a meeting-house for public worship." The book also contains numerous mentions of land purchases, wills, marriages, deaths, etc., concerning this branch of the family from 1806 on.

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Below are given some of the items of general interest about the family. They are representative but not all the data discovered by any means.

From the Land Office at Harrisburg:

Wm. Carnahan, (In Pa. Archives Third Series, Vol. 3, page 625, given William Carnaghan Pvt., 1st Penna, Regmt. 200 acres) Private, obtained 200 acres in District #10, Donation Lands, north and west of the Allegheny River, dated Sept. 26, 1787 and located in Westmoreland County. Survey is copied on page 36 of Book C-199.

This is Tract 2063 now in Erie Co., just north of Corry. "The Mirror" Vol. 1, No. 15, Sept. 3, 1808 on file in the Erie Public Museum, A Sheriff's Sale covering unseated lands situated in the county to defray arrearages of road and county taxes, costs, etc., for the years 1804, 1805, 1806, and 1807, contains under Donation Lands - Tenth District that of William Carnahan, Tract 2063 \$2.50.

The same Pa. Archives reference mentioned above also gives, James Carnaghan, Capt., 2nd Inf., 500 acres. These are the only Carnahans

mentioned in this list of those veterans of the Revolutionary War receiving donation lands from the state for their services.

Boucher's History of Westmoreland Co., Vol. 1, page 159 gives the following: "James Carnahan was a Lieutenant in Capt. James Erwin's Company of the Penna. Rifle Regiment. He was subsequently at various times a Captain in the 2nd, 8th and 13th Penna. Regiments Continental Line. He served from March 1776 to 1781 and was accidentally drowned in the Allegheny River in 1786. His father was John Carnahan, one of the early settlers of Bell Township where he built a log house in 1774. "James Carnahan was the father of Dr. James Carnahan, President of Princeton 1831 to 1853."

From old records, Londonderry Twp., Lancaster Co., Penna. (Later became Dauphin Co.) 1779 - James Karnaghan - weaver.

Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania, page 332 Vol. II.
"Carnahan's Blockhouse -- Mention is frequently made of Carnahan's Blockhouse especially during the latter part of the Revolution, although it was in existence much earlier. This blockhouse was erected on the land of Adam Carnahan, and the tract of land is now known as the William McCauley farm, from the name of its owner, in Bell Township, a short distance northeast of Perryville, about two miles from the Kiskiminetas River. This point was near eleven miles northwest of Hannastown. Not far from this locality is the place known as Old Town, otherwise Kiskiminetas Old Town, in ancient times an Indian village."
Page 335 of Frontier Forts - John Carnahan (said by the Carnahan family to have been a brother of James Carnahan and both sons of Adam Carnahan) "was killed just outside the blockhouse, and was buried not more than twenty rods from there, and the spot of ground has never been broken. The ground where he is buried is surrounded by timber."

More on the fort and the details of the fighting are given in the book.

At the Morristown National Historical Park, Morristown, N. J., in May 1952, I saw a framed muster roll of Gen. Washington's Household Troops for August 1, 1782. Under "Privates" was "No. 17 William Karnahan." Only one name given each enlisted man, no initials, each had one name fully spelled out.

From Colonial Records Vol. 10, Page 212 Memorandum 13th Oct. 1774. "The return of Sheriffs for Westmoreland Co. being now made, the Governor was pleased to commissionate the following: John Carnaghan. At a council held in Philadelphia 20 October 1775 again appointed Sheriff for Westmoreland Co." In the same Vol. Page 235, Sheriff's Deposition sworn and subscribed before Robert Hanna 8th of February 1775.

From a History of Allegheny County: "George B. and Robert S. Carnahan. Their father and the original pioneer was David Carnahan, born near Shane's Castle, County of Antrim, Ireland, of Scotch descent. He was lowland Scotch on his father's side and Highland Scotch on his mother's side. He arrived in Pennsylvania in 1770 or earlier. During the Revolutionary War he was an officer in the light or 'flying artillery' of the American Army, present at Brandywine and other engagements. He had an older brother James who was a midshipman in the British Navy. Tradition has it that the brothers were once allowed to meet during the war, after proper permission had been secured from an American and a British officer. He lived near Carlisle, Pa."

The numerous mentions of the family name in the records and writings of the Pennsylvania area during the period 1700-1800 show that the family was quite large, old, and had come from various areas in the British Isles. The refugees who escaped Ireland by going to Dumfries and Aberdeen lived with and intermarried among the Scotch for two centuries. We always considered ourselves Scotch. I have talked with Catholic Carnahans. Perhaps those that could not escape Ireland in 1558 reverted to the Catholic religion or some now unknown branch of the Kernahan family is their origin.

THOMAS CARNAHAN 1783-1849. In August 1914 my father, W. J. Carnahan (1860-1934) wrote up a family history as remembered by his father

Hezekiah Lewis Carnahan (1830-1914). It is here given as originally written.

"JOHN CARNAHAN was a Scotsman by birth, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was present at the Battle of Brandywine, where the soldiers crossed that turbulent little river on the bodies of the slain; the water was stained with blood for five miles. He served under General Washington during the entire war and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

His wife, whose given name was Fanny, is thought to have been Irish, but of her nothing definite is known. He moved to Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1783 and died some time between 1800 and 1809.

He was an expert woodsman, being able to travel for days at a time with unerring certainty through the trackless forests of his day.

His children were, William, Robert, Thomas, Francis, Elizabeth and Catherine. We know nothing of the children except Thomas, who is the founder of our branch of the family.

"THOMAS CARNAHAN, son of John and Fanny Carnahan, was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania in 1783; moved with his parents the same year to Erie County. In 1809 he married Elizabeth Smith and a few years afterward moved to Mercer, now Lawrence County, Pennsylvania.

He was a soldier under General Harrison during the War of 1812, was taken sick at Fort Defiance, Ohio, but afterward returned to the army and was honorably discharged.

He was a man rather under the medium height, with powerful shoulders and arms and small hands and feet, was very quick and active. At the age of 65, his last harvest, he cut with a sickle and bound 30 dozen sheaves of wheat per day, working steadily the entire harvest.

In 1835 he moved to Richland County, Ohio. In the fall of 1848, he started to Erie County, Pennsylvania, on a visit. He rode with his son Hezekiah, then a boy of 17, on a load of wheat to Milan and made the rest of the journey on foot. He was taken sick while there and died March 6, 1849, and is buried somewhere in Erie County, Pennsylvania.

"ELIZABETH SMITH, wife of Thomas Carnahan, was born in Ireland and came to this country when about eleven years old. In 1856 she came with Hezekiah, Wilson and Fanny to De Kalb County, Indiana. She died at the residence of her son Hezekiah, March 8, 1864 and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery at Auburn, Indiana.

In religion Thomas Carnahan and his wife belonged to that very strict sect, known locally at that time as Seceders. Their children are Abner, William John, Bailey D., Fanny, Samuel S., Elizabeth, James M., Hezekiah L., and Wilson S.

"Abner, the eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carnahan, spent the greater portion of his life near Lockville in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania. He married Polly Rany and settled on the old Rany Homestead. No children were born to them, but they raised one foster child, Lydia Rany, who afterward married Scott Carnahan. These young people stayed with and cared for the old people as long as they lived and spent their own lifetime on the old farm. Abner Carnahan was a farmer of the better class and was also gifted with considerable mechanical skill, doing largely his own work of that nature.

"WILLIAM JOHN, the second son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carnahan spent the greater portion of his life in Ashland and Richland Counties of Ohio. He married Rachel Nelson and died March 9, 1861, leaving four children, Scott, Romina, afterwards Mrs. Christ Ward, John N. and Marion O.

He was of rather short stature and like his father had very heavy shoulders and in his young manhood was very quick and active; he was a great reader and student, and held several offices of trust and profit in the township and county of his residence. His descendants -- children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, living and dead are 30 persons.

"BAILEY D., third son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carnahan, married for his first wife Eliza Nelson. To them were born six children, Emma Miranda Ann, Eliza, Electa, Milton and Abner. He came to DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1854, where his wife died. He later married Mary Ann McNabb; no children were born to this union.

In his young manhood he was a very good tight barrel cooper. I was told that at one time with nothing but his axe, draw-shave and chime cutter he converted an oak tree into a porkbarrel.

He was of medium height, strongly built and before old age claimed him he was considered one of the champion grain cradlers of his day. It is said that one time he cut five acres of oats in half a day, with an old turkey-wing cradle.

He was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1816, and died March 8, 1889 and is buried in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, De Kalb County, Indiana. His descendants number 68 persons.

"FANNY, the fourth child of Thomas and Elizabeth Carnahan, was born in Pennsylvania, came with the family to Richland County, Ohio, in 1835. In 1855 she came to Indiana with her mother and two brothers, Hezekiah and Wilson. Here she married Wm. McNabb. One child, a daughter, Mary, was born to them. Mary married John C. Bailey.

After the death of her husband, she made her home with her brother, Hezekiah, where she died February 16, 1887 and is buried in the cemetery at Leo. Her descendants number 10.

"SAMUEL SMITH CARNAHAN was born in Pennsylvania, August 15, 1824; came to Ohio in 1835, where he grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Holsten. In 1854 they moved to De Kalb County, Indiana, and settled on the farm where he died March 2, 1886. At his request he was buried on the farm under an apple tree, but a year later was removed to the Evergreen Cemetery, at Auburn, Indiana, where he now rests.

In early manhood he learned the cobbler's trade, mastering it without a teacher. For a long time he made the boots and shoes for the family and for others. Many a time the writer has watched him as he plied his trade before the blazing fireplace. As age came upon him he received a stroke of paralysis, from which he never recovered and in a few years passed away, leaving seven children, Ellen, James, John, Malinda, Riley, Ada, and Perry, the oldest child, William, having died in infancy. His descendants number 51.

"ELIZABETH was married three times, the first time to Gordon Hazen. Three children were born to them, Henry, Hiram and Jane. Henry married but died without issue. Hiram died in early manhood. Jane married O.K. Ingersol of Auburn. Elizabeth married Dr. Crandal Morgan, but no children were born to them. She afterward married Abraham Scott. She died at their home in Butler, Indiana. Her descendants number 5.

"JAMES M. CARNAHAN was born in Pennsylvania and grew to manhood in Richland County, Ohio, where he married Lucinda Lighthill. In 1852 they moved to Paulding County, Ohio, where together they met the hardships of pioneer life which the levelness of the country made doubly hard. A little anecdote related to the writer will illustrate this.

One day in early spring, while on his way to Sharloe, he saw one of his neighbors wading around in the yard, which was covered with water, and feeling ahead of him with a stick. On being asked what he was doing, he said he was trying to find the well, that his folks did not like wild water.

Today Paulding County is one of the banner counties of the state, but it has worn out a generation of sturdy pioneers.

James Carnahan is tall, with heavy shoulders and is very active. At the age of 86 he walked with as much activity as any of his children. He is at this writing the only one of the third generation living. His children are, Polly, Wilson, Josse, Martha, John, Issac, Almedia, and Jemina. The total number of his descendants are 98 in all.

"HEZEKIAH L. CARNAHAN was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1830. He came with the family to Richland County, Ohio in 1835; he moved with his mother, sister Fanny, and brother Wilson to De Kalb County, Indiana, in 1855 and settled on the farm in Jackson Township, where the rest of his life was spent. He married Margaret McNabb and to them were born four children, John, Mary Ellen, Ebben, and James, all of whom are still living.

In September 1864 he joined Company A, 13th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war and was honorably discharged, September 20, 1865.

He was of medium height, with a slight limp that showed itself only as he became tired. He lived to be 83 years 8 months and 26 days old and passed away March 7, 1914. His descendants number 15.

"WILSON CARNAHAN was born in Pennsylvania, grew to manhood in Richland County, Ohio, and came with the family to Indiana in 1855. Here he married Julia Guilford. Four children were born to them, Abner, Andrew, Elizabeth, and Dudley. After his wife died he married Martha Davis and to them were born five daughters, Margaret, Julia, Romina, Rachel, and Gertrude."

In 1956 Mrs. Wilson R. Durham, genealogist of Erie, Pennsylvania, sent me a number of references to Carnahans in Erie County in its early days. All pertaining to our family showed that they lived in Venango Township. The records of the Land Office at Harrisburg does not show John Carnahan as being an original patentee, so he must have purchased land from someone that had already secured his land from the state.

On March 25, 1823, on a Sunday morning, the first court house of Erie Co. burned down taking with it all the early records therein. The present public records start from that date. Erie newspapers started in January 1820; quite a good file of them in bound volumes and microfilm exist in the public library. A few copies of public and semi-public documents exist that were not burned with the courthouse records.

There were other Carnahans in that section of Erie County at the time, some of them coming in from New York state. Below is given a chronological list of the items Mrs. Durham discovered which agree with our family tradition.

1800 -- History of Erie County, 1884, Page 705. The Taxable Citizens of Venango Township contains the names of John Carnahan, William Carnahan, and Thomas Carnahan.

1810 -- Taken from articles on Erie County history by Nathaniel W. Russell in the Erie Gazette, running from 1870 through 1887. On a list of the Names and Surnames of the Male Taxable Inhabitants within the Eleventh Election District, Vanango Township, Erie County, in the year 1810 appear.

6. John Carnahan

7. William Carnahan

8. Thomas Carnahan

These along with Francis Carnahan qualifying on account of age voted in the General Election held on the Second Tuesday in October 1810. The paper also includes a copy of the Muster Roll for the Third Company of the 136th Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia at the outbreak of the War of 1812, made up of men from this list and area. There are 55 names on the list of Taxables, all of English or Scotch origin.

1811 -- Extract from Deputy Marshal's Report of Inhabitants in Erie County, February, 1811. Greenfield Township -- Donation Lands -- Range 1.

Warantee -- Jeremiah Fisher

Original Purchaser - Aaron Flint

Intruder on Land - John Carnahan, Senr.

No. of Range - 3

No. of Tract - 1
 Held by Improvement - 1 Acre
 No. of acres cleared for cultivation - 2
 No. of houses for habitation - 1
 No. of Souls - 1
 Intruders - 1

Warrantee - John Fisher
 Original Purchaser - Silas Smith
 No. of Range - 7
 No. of Tract - 1
 Held by Improvement - 1 Acre
 No. of acres cleared for cultivation - 4
 No. of Houses for habitation - 1
 No. of Souls - 1
 Intruder - John Carnahan

1812 -- Penna. Archives 6th Series Volume VIII Page 184.

Pay roll of an infantry company commanded by Capt. John Collom (Collam) under command of Gen'l William H. Harrison in the Winter of 1812-13, 2d Brigade commanded by Gen. Crooks marched to the North Western Army, Commencing 2nd Oct. 1812 and ending April 2, 1813:

Line 49 Thos. Carnahan, Sergt. 6 months (Enlistment Period)
 Discharged Nov. 7, 1812.

On the receipt roll of the same company covering the extra pay from the state of Penna., also for volunteering to serve 15 days after expiration of 6 months, Thomas Carnahan, Disc.

1814 -- Penna. Archives 6th Series Vol. X Page 75
 Receipt Roll of a company of militia commanded by Lt. Robert Davison 136th Regiment Penna. Militia commanded by Lt. Col. John Phillips under orders of Maj. Gen. Mead, Jan 1, 1814, ending Feb. 6:

	Rank	Pay	Doll.	Time Served	Amt. of Pay
				Mo. Da.	Doll. Cts.
Thomas Carnahan	Priv.	10	1	5	11 66 2/3
Robert Carnahan	Priv.	10	1	5	11 66 2/3

1820 -- 1820 Census, Venango Township, Erie Co.
 Francis Carnahan, Male 1 (26-45)
 Female 1 (16-26)

Robert Carnahan, Male 1 (18-26)
 Females 1 (16-26) 1 (45 & 0)

1824 -- Book-A-Page 5, Prothonotary Office, Recorded June 14, 1824.

Another to Robert Carnahan of the Township of Venango in said county for a part of a certain unseated tract of land situate in the Township of Venango in said County numbered twenty-eight (28) containing one hundred acres more or less in the name of Thomas Carnehan for the sum of seven dollars and seventy-six cents being the exact amount of costs and taxes.

1825 -- In a "History of Erie Co., Pa." published by Warner Beers & Co., in 1884, page 170, mention is made of one Francis Carnahan plowing along the lake shore of Harbor Creek Township and finding a bright stone that turned out to be from ancient Egypt. The date of this was 1825.

1830 -- 1830 Census, Venango Township, Erie Co.
 Francis Carnahan, Male 1 (40-50)
 Females 2 (1-5) 2 (5-10) 1 (20-30)

Robert Carnahan, Male 2(1-5) 1 (5-10) 1 (30-40)
 Females 2(5-10) 1 (20-30)

1842 -- Deed Book - R - page 523, Recorded December 31, 1846.

Deed of Francis Carnahan and his wife Elizabeth of the Township of Venango, County of Erie, State of Pa. of the first part to Lyman D. Greer of the Town county and state afore-said of the second part, 75 acres situate in the Township of Venango, County of Erie, State of Pa. Deed dated August 15, 1842. Francis Carnahan and Elisabeth Carnahan did not sign but made their marks. Deed by James Wilson, Justice of the Peace, Greenfield.

1850 -- 1850 Census, North East Township, Erie Co.

	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
Francis Carnahan	66	M	Farmer	Penna.
Elizabeth Carnahan	53	F		"
Fanny Carnahan	27	F		"
Elizabeth Carnahan	26	F		"
Mary Carnahan	22	F		"
John Carnahan	17	M		"

Venango Township, Erie Co.

Robert Carnahan	66	M	Laborer	"
Jane Carnahan	49	F		"
James Carnahan	10	M		"
Martha Carnahan	7	F		"
Bayle Donaldson	69	M	Farmer	"
Catherine Carnahan	56	F		"
Elizabeth Carnahan	66	F		"

Greenfield Township, Erie Co.

Rufus Pickett	33	M	Farmer	Conn.
Sarah Pickett	30	F		"
Robert C. Carnahan	15	M		Penna.
Joseph Berry	76	M	Farmer	N. Y.
Stephan Carnahan	13	M		Penna.

1863 -- Will of Francis Carnahan, Will Book - C - Pages 711-712.

Drawn March 3rd, 1863, Registered October 25, 1864.
Francis Carnahan, Township of North East, County of Erie, State of Pa. Directs that his just debts and funeral expenses be paid; gives his wife Betsy all household furniture, beds and bedding and kitchen utensils; gives eldest daughter Elanor \$15; second daughter Fanny E. \$15; Third Daughter Mary \$15; gives son John H. all remaining real and personal property, he to pay above legacies to his sisters and maintaining his wife and daughter Fanny E. subject to provisions. Son John H. Executor. Signed by mark before witnesses.

1870 -- Deed of J. H. Carnahan et al to Charley Shule.

Deed Book 38, page 422 Record June 6, A.D. 1870.
Indenture made eight day of January 1870 between John H. Carnahan & Mary J. his wife & Elizabeth Carnahan, North East Township, Erie Co., Pa., in the first part and Charley Shule same place second part. For \$1,900 sells 50 acres situate in North East Township being a part of Tract No. 57 described. Same land conveyed by Henry Cramond of the City of Philadelphia to Francis Carnahan by deed dated 29th day of August A.D. 1845, recorded March 15, 1853 Deed Book - W - Page 1367 & to John Carnahan by will.

Sealed and delivered: Elizabeth Carnahan made her mark, John Carnahan made his mark, Mrs. Mary J. Carnahan signed. Papers drawn and completed in the presence of S. S. Hammond, Justice of the Peace for the said county the 11th day of April 1870.

The same year John Carnahan was listed as a farmer in North East Township, Erie Co., in the Erie County Directory. He does not appear in the next directory for 1886.

To describe the local situation more fully the following two diagrams are submitted:

Lake Erie

Erie	North East Twp.:	New	Greenfield Twp. Surveyed in tracts 6:
Co.	Greenfield Twp.:		of 403 A. 80 perches, 214 rods North 7: N.
			and south, 320 rods east & west. 8:
Penna.	Venango Twp.:	York	Venango Twp. in the northeast cor:
			ner surveyed in 100 A 28 8 :
	Amity Twp.:		Tracts. 29 7 :
			30 6 :
----- Erie Co. Pa.			

Tracts mentioned under date of 1811 are in the southeast corner of Greenfield Twp., along the N.Y. border, that of Thomas Carnahan in Venango Twp., under date of 1824 is in the northeast corner of the township, one row of tracts from the New York border. A ridge parallels the border about 200-400 yards from it on the Pennsylvania side. When viewed in May 1959 much of this land is now in a reforestation project and a game farm, for a mile or upwards west of the ridge. From there the land is good farming land, to the valley of the West Branch of French Creek, gently rolling, few stones now or in old piles or walls. Tract 28 Venango Township once held by Thomas Carnahan shows evidence of a habitation, old well, springhouse, foundations, etc., along the township line before it drops down into new York state. No buildings are there now. About twenty acres around it are cleared. When and by whom occupied was not ascertainable.

On the same trip the old Middlebrook Cemetery, about three miles to the southwest of here was visited. This is easily reached, about two miles to the north of Lowville, or four north of Wattsburg, on the east side of Penna. Highway 89. A small boulder with bronze plaque attached marks site of first American House of worship erected in Erie County, 1801-1843. This was erected by the Erie Presbytery which holds title to the acre or so around here.

Back of this is a small grove containing the graves of the first settlers buried here. Most of the stones are old, aged, broken and flat on the ground, nearly all died previous to the Civil War. The first one noted was that of Bailey Donaldson, a replacement, very new. He died in 1853 aged 71 years. He was listed among the Taxables of 1810, the local militia company at the time, and in the Census of 1850, with whom the unmarried daughters of John Carnahan were living. John Yost and other settlers on this list, or members of their families have headstones here.

A search was made of the cemeteries of Lowville and of Little Hope, then called Springfield, about two miles north of the township line in Springfield township, without disclosing any Carnahan graves. It is probably that they were buried on their own land as was the custom in early times. These usually disappear in time when the land is in the hands of others.

In 1929 the school children of the rural areas of Penna. were asked to take a day and go into all of the old cemeteries in their respective school districts and copy the names and dates of all persons buried prior to 1850. No Carnahans were reported in Middlebrook Cemetery at the time.

All efforts to prove Revolutionary War service by our John Carnahans have been of no avail. In 1957 the General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington 25, D. C., made a search under this name and the various spellings of it, but had no file in the pension and bounty land warrant application files. It did report a Lieut. John Carnahan, appointed or commissioned July 1, 1778, appearing on a muster roll dated Oct. 5, 1779, at Ft. Pitt, for the months April to Sept. 1779 inclusive in Moorhead's Independent Co., Pa. This period was at the time of Col. Broadhead's expedition against the Iroquois in the campaign to destroy their villages and crops.

A John Carnahan who died March 24, 1825, aged 80 years, 11 months, Revolutionary Soldier, is reported buried in the Millcreek Farm Cemetery, 1½ miles west of Utica French Creek Twp., Venango Co.

Penna. Archives, 5th series, Vol. 7, Londonderry Township, Lancaster County, since 1785 in Dauphin County:

Page 6. Liberty Company of Londonberry Township, May 17, 1775

Robert Carnahan

Capt. David McQueen's Company, 7th Battalion, 1781

Page 698 2nd class William Carnaghan
6th class Jno. Carnaghan
Page 726 1st class Wm. Carnahan
Page 727 6th class John Carnahan, also pp 742, 760
Page 727 7th class James Carnahan, also p 760

None of these fit into the tradition of service of our John Carnahan. Some of the early rolls are not indexed as yet but with meager records now available it would be very hard to prove the line of descent even if other Johns are discovered.

Dauphin County was formed in 1785, two years after John and his family left for Erie County. A check of its first records of Wills and Deeds showed nothing at all. Tax lists of the family name showing the amounts for 1785-1791, in English money of pounds, shillings and pence, are given below. Another list giving the property of the tax payers for the same period, shows "1 horse, 1 cow, 50 acres, 60 acres."

1785 - Londonderry Twp. -	John Kernechan	0 1 6
	James Kernachen	0 5 10 (and landlord)
1786 - Londonderry Twp. -	John Cernahan	0 1 3
	William Cernahan	0 1 3
	James Kernahan	0 7 6
1787 - Londonderry Twp. -	John Carnaughen	0 1 3
	William Carnaughen	0 1 3
	James Carnaughen	0 1 3
1788 - Londonderry Twp. -	John Carnichan	
	William Carnichan	
1789 - Londonderry Twp. -	John Carnihan	0 2 6
	William Carnihan	0 2 6
1790 - Londonderry Twp. -	William Carnihan	
1791 - Londonderry Twp. -	William Carnihan	

These may or may not have been relatives of the family left in Dauphin County. Something may come up to throw more light on the subject, but this is all I have at present.

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